

REMARKS

At the outset, Claim 40 is identical or substantially identical to the originally filed Claim 16 of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/633,944.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 500769.107134.

Respectfully submitted,

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